

Connecting Wisconsin to the nation

Almost \$270 billion of domestic freight was shipped to, from or within Wisconsin by air, road, rail or water in 1997.

These goods represent both the inputs and outputs for a gross state product of \$166 billion. They also support the jobs of 3.4 million people.

Commodities moving to and from the state reflect diverse industries. Food processors, paper plants, transportation manufacturers and machinery manufacturing represent major freight users.

Wisconsin also ships and receives lower value bulk goods that are key inputs to the manufacturing process, or that keep our infrastructure running. These products include coal, minerals, metallic ores, and sand and gravel.

Moving Wisconsin products to the nation

The entire nation receives goods produced in Wisconsin, with \$180 billion in shipments from state companies moving to all 50 states.

Wisconsin's freight travels far - over half of all outbound domestic freight (measured by value) travels to destinations more than 250 miles away, and one-tenth of all Wisconsin products are shipped over 1,000 miles.



Future growth may stress system

Freight in Wisconsin and throughout the nation could increase dramatically in the next two decades. The Federal Highway Administration forecasts an 87% increase in total U.S. domestic freight between 1998 and 2020. State studies forecast a 74% increase in Wisconsin freight tonnage by 2020.

However, there has been minimal capacity growth for any mode to handle the ever growing freight traffic demands. The state needs to invest in transportation to maintain its present freight network, and to provide additional capacity where necessary to allow for the free flow of goods and services.

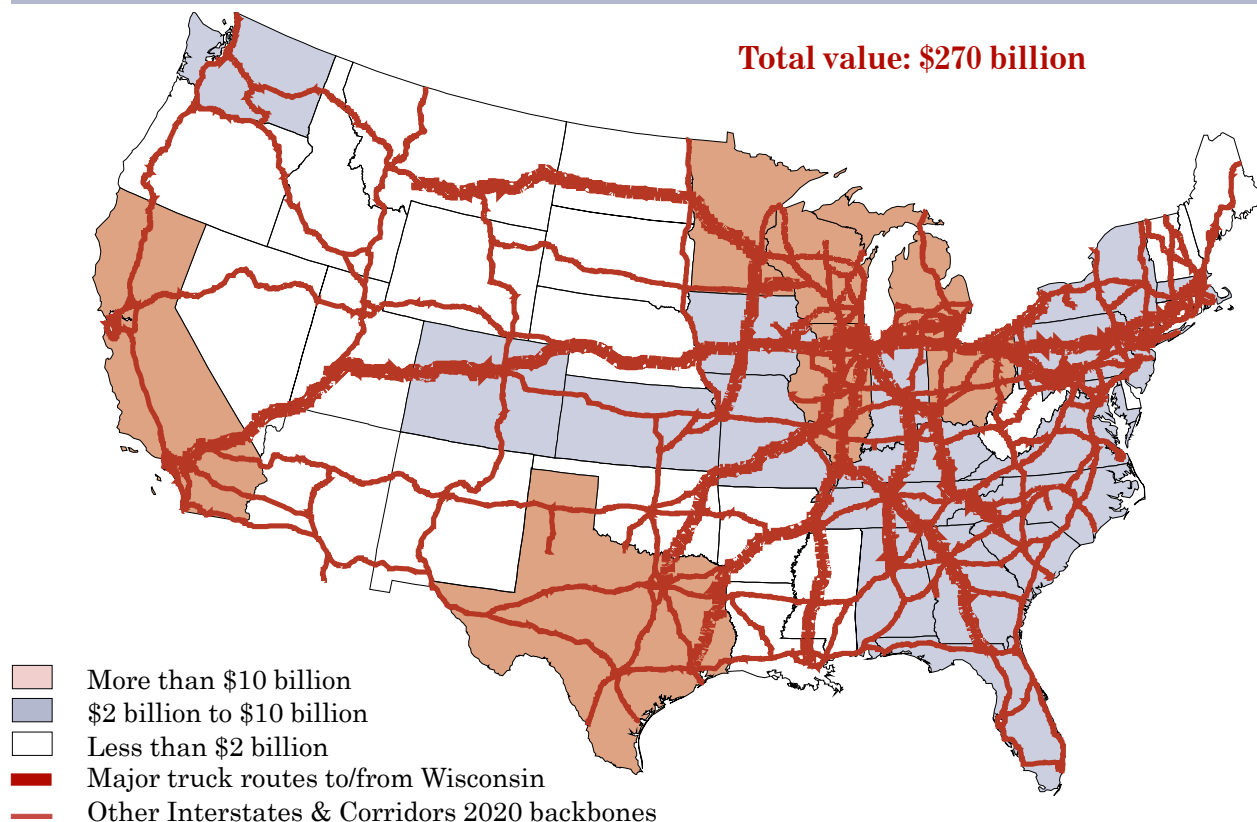
Wisconsin's top freight commodities

(in/out combined, ranked by value, 1997)

Food products: \$51.3 billion, 19% of total
Machinery: \$31.6 billion, 12%
Transportation equipment: \$30.1 billion, 11%
Electrical machinery: \$27.4, 10%
Paper products: \$21.4, 8%

Source: US Census Bureau, 1997 Commodity Flow Survey

Origins & destinations of Wisconsin's domestic freight (by value, 1997)



Origins & destinations of Wisconsin's domestic freight (by tonnage, 1997)

